

DEPARTMENT ESTIMATES.

HOLAHAN WANTS DRAUGHTSMEN'S SALARIES ADVANCED.

THE MAYOR ADVISES CUTTING OFF A FEW PRIVATE SECRETARIES AND THEN DECLARES HE'LL BE GLAD WHEN HIS TERM IS OVER.

The Board of Estimate and Apportionment yesterday took up the consideration of the demands of some of the departments of the city government which are represented by their Commissioners in the Board of Public Improvements.

Commissioner Keating of the Department of Highways asked for \$65,795, an increase of \$4,639 over last year's allowance of \$230,000. Commissioner Keating explained that \$230,000 of this increase was for repairing, which he wanted out of the regular appropriation instead of by bonds in the usual way, because of the difficulty in getting bond issues through the Municipal Assembly. He also wanted \$50,000 for the regulating and grading of the Concourse in The Bronx.

People whose property has been taken for the Concourse have moved their houses off the ground and have left deep holes. These should be filled up for public safety, and the Concourse could be regulated and graded for its entire length of five miles, giving a dirt road, for the amount named. The completion of the Concourse will cost about \$140,000.

"There is a delegation of citizens from The Bronx here," said Mr. Keating, "who would like to have the Board hear them about this thing."

"We can't hear any delegations at all," replied the Mayor. "We will hear departments now. There will be a date set for hearing the public on the whole estimate."

The Mayor declared that the improvement of the Concourse was a permanent improvement and would have to be provided for by an issue of bonds. It is the policy of the administration to put as little as possible of the improvements going on in the tax budget, paying for them by bonds against the whole estimate.

A service in memory of Cornelius Vanderbilt will be held to-morrow at 4 p.m. in the Railroad Men's Building, No. 36 Madison-ave. The speakers will be Senator-elect Chauncy M. Depew, the Rev. Dr. David H. Green, William E. Dodge and Seth Low.

The Booksellers' League will have a dinner on Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Chelsea, No. 22 West Twenty-third-st. Ernest Knauft will speak on "Book Illustration."

The Young Ladies' Charitable Society will give a

minuted performance in the Lexington Opera House, in East Fifty-eighth-st., on November 15.

Chief Croker of the Fire Department yesterday appointed Foreman James P. Etman of Engine Company No. 15 in Henry-st., an acting chief.

At the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church the Rev. William Watson, pastor of Trinity Presbyterian Church, Birkbeck, England, will preach at 11 a.m. to-morrow. At 4 p.m. the sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered.

Max Bendheim, a vocal teacher, has removed his studio from Carnegie Music Hall to enlarged apartments at No. 32 West Fifty-sixth-st., where he will continue his teaching.

Mails from Australia which have arrived at Vancouver are due in New York on Tuesday morning. Return mails will close at the Postoffice at 8:30 p.m. on October 12.

The Fauverville (N. Y.) Light Infantry sent a letter to Mayor Van Wyck yesterday, thanking him for the courtesies extended to the command at the Dewey celebration.

The ferry from Sing Sing to Nyack, Rockland and Haverstraw has been discontinued. The steamer Ossining has been hired to run between New York and Sea Gate.

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